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NEETS BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT CORRECTION

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information for the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) concerning the Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA).

The Neets Bay THA is those waters of Neets Bay east of the easternmost tip of Bug Island at 131°39.14′ W. longitude. From Sunday, June 11, through Tuesday, August 1, the Neets Bay THA expands to include those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point at 131°42.10′ W. longitude to the closed waters at the head of the bay. The closed waters at the head of the bay are those waters east of 131°29.86′ W. longitude until the barrier net is in place; at that time, the closed waters are those waters east of the barrier net.

Troll:

From 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 1, through 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 10, the Neets Bay THA will be open for trolling in those waters of Neets Bay west of the closed waters at the head of the bay.

The Neets Bay THA will be open to troll gear anytime the THA is open during the net rotational fisheries for gillnet or purse seine gear, which were announced in a news release issued on April 4, 2017, and as listed below.

Additionally, from 12:00 noon, Monday, June 26, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, August 1, the Neets Bay THA will be open to troll gear west of the easternmost tip of Bug Island and east of the longitude of Chin Point, unless closed by emergency order.

Gillnet:

The first gillnet rotation previously announced for 12:00 noon, Monday, June 12 will now begin at 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 11, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 12. All other rotational schedules announced on the April 4 news release remain in effect.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0117.

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